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REMARKS

We note with thanks the Examiner's indication that Claims 2-12 and 16-20 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

5 We also note that the claims as originally filed included two claims, both numbered as "claim 5". To correct this typographic error, the second listed claim 5 has been removed from the listing of claims and then added as new claim 21. Dependent claims 6 and 7 have been
10 amended accordingly to depend on new claim 21.

The Examiner cited US 1,179,583 to Ward in rejecting former Claims 1 and 13-15 as anticipated.

Claim 1 has been amended.

15 US 1,179,583 to Ward does not teach or suggest floats having a central axis about which each float is radially symmetric and where the band has a portion engaging each float substantially aligned with the axis so that each float is rotatably mounted to rotate about the band.

20 The two barrel-shaped floats (30, 31) in Ward each appear to be radially symmetric about their own central axes, however they are not each mounted to rotate about their own central axes. Rather the two barrel-shaped floats (30, 31) in Ward may only rotate to a limited degree or rock up and down about the cable (70).

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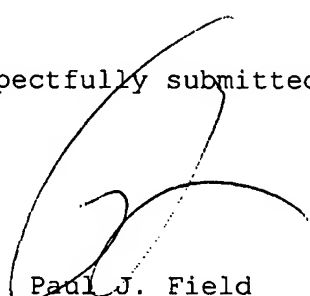
Ward does not teach or suggest radially symmetric floats rotatably mounted to rotate about a portion of a band aligned with the axis of symmetry.

5 Favourable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Paul J. Field, is written over the typed name and contact information.

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